



# MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Community Issue: Vaping

It has come to our attention that we have students coming to school in possession of, using and/or distributing e-cigarettes, also known as “vapes.”

In accordance with the Sydney Catholic Schools’ Banned Substances Policy, e-cigarettes are a banned item that should never be brought onto, used, or distributed on the College grounds. In accordance with this policy, the College will be undertaking an immediate response to the issue as well as developing and initiating a long term plan to educate students and parents around the serious health implications of vaping. This will involve working with the PDHPE faculty in their drug awareness program, the College’s Pastoral Care program and through newsletter pieces.

If a student is caught in possession of, using, or found to be distributing e-cigarettes on the College grounds, the College will follow Sydney Catholic Schools’ Banned Substances Policy and the corresponding Student Management: Suspension, Transfer, and Exclusion Policy.

Please take the time to talk with your sons around vaping, his knowledge of what is going on and any information you can provide the College on students who are using, in possession of and/or selling e-cigarettes to other students is greatly appreciated.

It is vitally important that every school is a safe environment for all students, at all times. Students use of, possession and/or distribution of e-cigarettes threatens that safe environment for all students and will not be tolerated.

Yours sincerely,

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